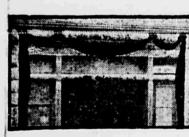
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### WHY DID THE HOSE BURST?



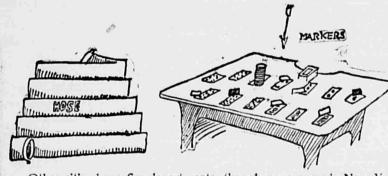
Bursting hose imperils the firemen. John Fallon, Thomas Phillips and George O'Connor would be alive to-day had the hose not burst and the water pressure not been inadequate at the Parker Building fire. Bursting hose increases the fire

Bursting hose at a tenement, ho-

tel or office building fire might fill the morgue.

Naturally nobody is willing to die in order that M. Francis Loughman, who was, in 1905, the Windsor Fire Appliance Company and is now deputy to Water Commissioner O'Brien, may make a few dollars'

If anybody with a political pull needs a little money he might better adopt the custom of letting markers stand at Ludlum's, for instance, or of wind bets with bookmakers which would endanger no lives.



Other cities have fire departments, though none exceeds New York In the bravery, efficiency and fidelity of its firemen. Why do not other cities have rotten hose? Why do not other cities have widows and orphans because of rotten hose?

Commissioner O'Brien seems to fear that the public will think that he is partly responsible. He has written to the Sun and The Evening World, and has given out a number of interviews.

He says that the M. Francis Loughman hose was bought in 1904'05, and that he did not become Fire Commissioner until Jan. 1, 1906. This is correct.

When Mr. O'Brien became Fire Commissioner rotten hose was in the department. Some of the Loughman hose burst. Also some other hose burst. Both contracts required the replacement at the contractor's expense of hose that burst within three years.

Other hose that burst within three years Commissioner O'Brien required to be replaced. According to the Fire Underwriters' report, table 14, page 12, none of the 116 burst lengths of the Loughman hose has yet been replaced.

Mr. O'Brien changed from Fire Commissioner to Water Commissupply, and writes to the Sun finding fault with its editorial statement

"It is doubtful also if there is another city of importance in which the management and control of the water distribution is as criminally negligent and incapable."

Mr. O'Brien writes to the Sun that "at the time of the Parker Building fire water flowed to the hydrants at the maximum pressure possible," and adds that "there was a pressure of ten pounds."

According to the report made by a commission of engineers in 1903 to Mayor Low's Commissioner of Water Supply, the water pressure in the Parker Building district was then twenty-six to thirty-five pounds. When and why has it dropped to ten pounds?

Why was the hose rotten and why was the water pressure low?

Since Mr. O'Brien has had to deal with this question, first as secre-

tary to the Mayor in 1905, second as Fire Commissioner in 1906, third as Water Commissioner now, and fourth as the Mayor's chief adviser, the public will welcome his further explanations.

# Letters from the People.

Do They Really "Cringe!"

To the Editor of The Evening World: them fawn and cringe around you when you are paying your bill, looking for 'tips." They remind one of Dickens's Uriah Heep. E. M.

To the Editor of The Evening World: A reader asks how to cure sleeplessness. Let the patient abandon the use
of coffee and tea and spirits of any
kind (beer included). Drink coffee only,

If Mr. Jerome would only show as in the morning. Take a brisk walk an much zeal in the banking cases! Has

Teachers' Pay Again.

To the Editor of The Evening World:
It is true that the saleswoman's or stenographer's pay is much less than that of the teacher's but less than that of the teacher's, but don't forget | Stenogs Who Can't Ent Smoke. that of the transfer of years one is To the Editor of The Evening World: preparing for teacher the saleswoman Relative to the girl stenographer or stenographer gets paid, while the kick about men smoking in her office

Why Not Let 'Em Smoke?

rob and kill for them, then we cer- vation wages. To some of the employ-tainly can put up with the additional ers I would say don't hire girls to flirt habit and expense of smoking, which with you, but hire fellows to work for

h not a drop in a pall of water cem- you.

them smoke any old thing, clay pipes, What New York reader can explain how it is that barbers and waiters in New York City seem so different from those of most other cities? Many of them fawn and cringe around you when ful stained with tobacco juice, E. N. E. T.

FIRE

MAYORS ADVISER

Jerome Gets "Busy."

To the Editor of The Evening World: For Sleeplessness.

The Editor of The Evening World:

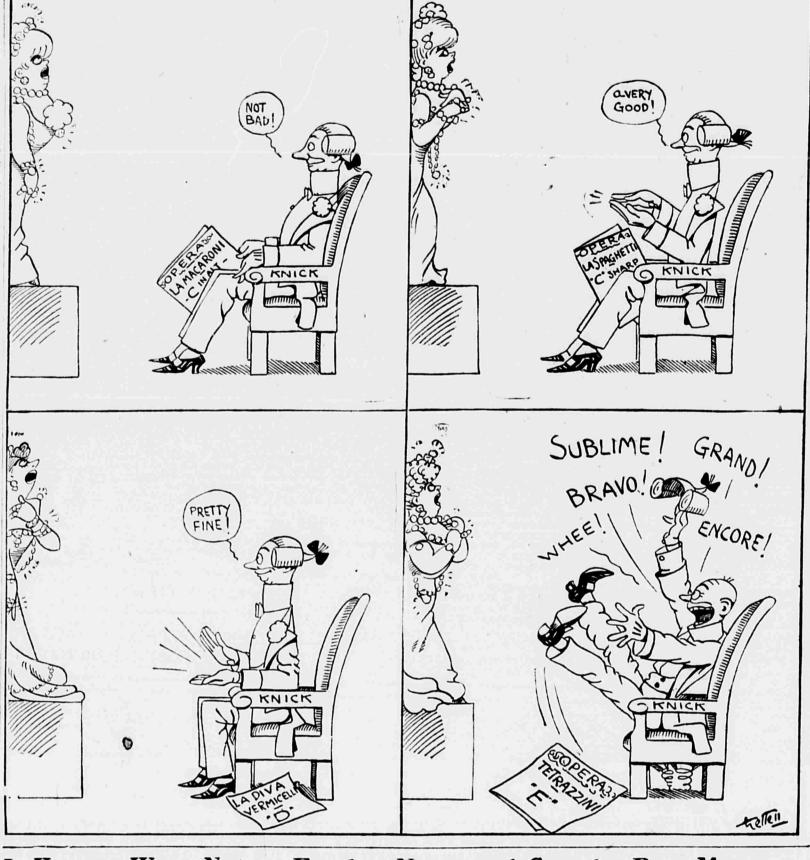
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Commissioners of Accounts Mitchel and

bour or so before retiring. Drink a he written to Superintendent of Banks glass of lemonade just before going to Williams for information? I think you bed, also pass a wet towel down the spinal column (warm water will do). cases he announced that he would act Then rub down with a dry towel. REMEDY. If evidence were submitted. It is encouraging, however, to see that east

teacher does not. Besides it is by no and the smoke getting into her decided means easy to teach some of the Ametican boys.

# When "E" Strikes Our Town.

By Maurice Ketten.



## sioner late in 1906. Since that time he has had charge of the water If Woman Were Not on Hand to Nurse and Care for Poor Man When He Is Laid Up With a Cold What Would Become of Him?

### By Roy L. McCardell.

THIG eberybody's god a code," said Mr. Jarr, mis- any colds at all." "If you had only listened to me!" said Mrs. Jarr,

"I bid lisded to youd so lod I god sore eards," said

'That's a nice way to talk!" said Mrs. Jarr, 'Can'd heb id, I got a code," said Mr. Jarr.

never said a word to you in my whole life but for your own good. I know I am foolish. If I was like a lot of other women that took things easy and didn't care what the congestion like magic," said Mrs. Jarr. my husband did or where he was, so long as I could get Mr. Jarr answered not, but gave an imp

all the money I could out of him, it wouldn't be so bad!" "Id ain'd bad, id's id, you ged awd da muddy you cad oud od me?" said with some hot lemonade." 'Just listen to him! Just listen to him!" cried Mrs. Jarr. "And me making a perfect slave of myself and waiting on him hand and foot, and goodness knows with that."

whether he's going to have pneumonia or not! There, you see, you're sneezing! You are taking a fresh cold. Oh, why did I let the children go to school. Oh, dear, suppose they get the grip!" "Ged oud ad led me alode," said Mr. Jarr. "Akachoo!" "You've got to take your quinine and you've got to take this hot lemonade!" said Mrs. Jarr. "And if you could get in a good sweat it would break up that

your feet and wrap you up in blankets."

cold. I'll fix a hot mustard bath for you and put another hot-water bottle at

"Led me alode and ged to sleeb," said Mr. Jarr, turning around on the President Lincoln said at the end of the year:

"Undress and go to bed, that's a dear," said Mrs. Jarr. "I'll make you some flaxseed tea. Grandma always gave us flaxseed tea, and I declare we never had

"Wode do it." said Mr. Jarr. stubbornly "Then you'll be having the grip, and you'll find it worse than a cold in the "you wouldn't be laying there feverish and head, and it may turn into pneumonia!" said Mrs. Jarr plaintively.

"Leab me alode," said Mr. Jarr; "leab me alode."

"I'll leave you alone if you'll just let me tuck this comfortable around you." pleaded the ministering angel. Mr. Jarr sported and permit his pillow shook up and the hot-water bottle put at his feet. Encouraged by

"Yes, you've got a cold," said Mrs. Jarr, "but I don't these small victories, Mrs. Jarr put her hand to his forehead and said: mean that; I mean speaking to me like you do, when I have are quite feverish, dear. Take some more of the tablets the doctor left." "Leab me alode!" muttered the sufferer, "If you'll just let me rub your nose with camphorated oil it will take away

Mr. Jarr answered not, but gave an impatient bounce on the sofa.

Mr. Jarr did not answer.

So Mrs. Jarr made the hot punch and Mr. Jarr swallowed it with the tears

running down his face. Then Mrs. Jarr said, "Now I'll leave you to go to sleep, of a small whip, keeping time so to speak, with the music, not only reminds the and when you wake up you'll be all right." So she tiptoed out of the room and horse which leg to lift and throw out, but also affords it a one as to the pace

softly closed the door. cough syrup, smelling salts, two antipyrine powders and a few other remedies, describe circles in their own length." "Well, please take the hot lemonade," said Mrs. Jarr. "Don't be a cross bought and home-made. Then he went to sleep and woke up sound and whole, bear!"

"There, you see!" said Mrs. Jarr. "What would you do without me?"

### Miss Lonely Tries a Musical Hook on Mr. Man 🗻 😅 By F. G. Long



HILE the battle of Gettysburg was in progress an almost equally important conflict was waging in the Southwest, and Gen. Grant was winning the fame which was later to put him at the head of the Union forces and end the war.

In the East, general after general was taking chief command with figurative "flourishes of trumpets;" only to make more or less of a fizzle of every effort to conquer the South, and then to be humiliatingly deposed in favor of some equally inefficient leader. But Grant in the Southwest had been working away steadily in his own silent, unpretentious fashion, winning a long line of victories for the Union. He had prevented the Confederates from winning a lasting foothold in Kentucky; had taken Shiloh, Corinth and Forts Henry and Donelson, and had continued to wrench the Southwest from the Confederacy by an almost unbroken series of triumphs, culminating with the attack on Vicksburg. This city was the key to the Confederate power in that section, and was also the key to the Mississippi River. Until it should be conquered the Mississippi could not be wholly opened to the

The place was defended by a strong Southern force under Gen. Pendleton. Sherman had already attacked it and had been repulsed. It was considered impregnable.

Early in 1863 Grant took command of the "Army of the Mississippi" and turned his attention to Vicksburg. It was his life work to succeed where others had failed.

A fleet under Admiral Porter co-operated with him. After several futile plans, Grant marched down the river's west bank. On April 30 he crossed the river again, beat back the Confederates in two battles and came toward Vicksburg from the rear. Grant's Pian for Four battles were fought between May 12 and May Taking Vicksburg.

17. Then, having pushed past the last of the guarding outposts. Grant laid siege to the city. The Confederate General, Johnston, was not far behind him with a large body of men, but failed to relieve the siege. After forty-seven days the Vicksburg garrison, starved and overpowered, asked for terms of capitulation. Grant replied that the only terms he would listen to were "Unconditional surrender!

On July 4 (the day after the battle of Gettysburg) Vicksburg surrendered The Union general in the whole Vicksburg campaign had lost barely 9,000 men. The Confederate losses are said to have been almost 60,000.

Grant treated his vanquished foes with a generosity and consideration that won the nation's applause. Four days later Gen. Banks captured Port Hudson, above Baton Rouge, on the Mississippi, taking 5,000 prisoners and thirty-one cannon. The river was now cleared of Confederates and open to Government vessels.

Gen. Rosecrans the same month drove a Southern army under Gen. Bragg out of middle Tennessee, across the Cumberland Mountains, to Chabtanooga. At Chickamauga, beyond that town, Gen. Longstreet, being sent by Lee with another army to reinforce Bragg, the retreating Confederates turned at bay. In a battle lasting all night, Sept. 19 and part of the next day, the Union troops were defeated with a loss of 16.351, and fell back on Chattanooga, where Bragg besieged them. Grant reinforced Rosecrans, and on Nov. 23 attacked the Confederates, who held the neighboring summits of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. This bloody struggle, known as the battle of Chattanooga (part of it being fought on the mountain tops above the clouds), lasted three days and resulted in a great victory for the The Confederates were completely driven out of Tennessee.

While Grant was clearing the Southwest of his foes, much less progress had been made by the Union armies in the East. In July, 1863, Gen. Gillmore besieged Charleston, S. C. The city held out stubbornly and several attacks on it were repulsed. But Fort Wagner, one of its outposts, fell in September, and after that the siege was conducted at closer quarters. Charleston held out for 500 days, and did not surrender until 1865.

The blockade of Confederate ports was also becoming more effective every month, and fewer and fewer ships were able to elude it This meant ever-increasing hardships for Southern soldiers and civiliana.

By the close of 186? the Confederacy had lost Kentucky, Tennesses Arkansas, Missouri, the Rio Grande frontier of Texas, the control of the Mississippi River and many strongholds in Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. As part of these

Situation at Close of 1863. captured regions had furnished a large quantity of food for the South, their loss was a great blow to Confederate hopes. The future, on the whole

looked brighter for the Union than at any previous time since the war began "Peace does not appear so distant as it did. I hope it will come soon and come to stay; and so come as to be worth keeping in all future time.

Until Virginia could be subdued, however, there could be no hope of such a peace. And Virginia, guarded by Lee, remained practically unconquerable. Only one man could achieve the tremendous task.

# Teaching a Horse to Dance.

animal to walk around the ring gracefully, throwing its front legs well out and bringing the feet down gently. A little mechanical appliance, in the shape of a "Please take the quinine, then; enly five grains," said Mrs. Jarr. "Take it piece of rope tied to the animal's foreleg, is sometimes necessary to make him; understand what is required. An assistant grasps the other end of the repe and gives it a gentle pull when the animal lifts its leg, thus causing the horse Well, let me make you a hot whiskey punch," said Mrs. Jarr, "and take it to throw the limb forward. After two or three lessons of this description the animal begins to step out quite naturally, and will walk with a slow, measured "Hab your ode way, woban," snuffled Mr. Jarr. "I see I god to gib in. Wad's tread at the command of its rider. This training takes place without music, and when the latter is introduced the animal sometimes gets a little confused. "The rider, however, by lightly touching each leg alternately with the end

it should go around the ring. To teach a horse to walts is rather more difficult. When she was gone Mr. Jarr arose and, putting his fingers under his tongue, and a great deal depends on the skill of the rider. Some animals, however, have brought out a five-grain quinine capsule, which he dropped behind the sofa to a natural inclination to sway this way and that to the music, keeping a regular "Won'd dake ady quidide," protested Mr. Jarr. "Head's awd gold roud now join a hot-water bag, a mustard plaster, six brome-quinine tablets, a bottle of step at the same time, and it is not a very difficult matter to teach them to

Three Sensible Meals.

By W. R. C. Latson, M. D.

HERE is no ideal diet; and if there was, it would not fit the very unideal men and women in the world to-day. The object of feeding is to give the body materials out of which to build and sustain itself. This it will de on vegetarian diet, on raw diet, on any diet, if that diet-and here's the point-if that diet be simple in selection, mederate in quantity and taken under proper conditions.

A breakfast of fruit, cereal with cream, brown bread and butter, and a sh of milk will fulfil any requirement. Or a morning meal of two raw eggs beates up with milk, together with fruit and one or two slices of brown bread such at meal is equally nutritious and palatable.

For dinner, fresh meat, roasted or boiled; baked petate; plain salad dramed with olive oil and a few drops of lemon juice; perhaps another cooked veget such as turnips, spinach or parsnips; fruit, and brown bread, will prove in ever sense a wholesome and acceptable meal.

The third meal, if such be taken, may be similar to breakfast, or it may consist of merely fresh fruit and a glass of milk, with perhaps a cracker er

These meals are not all vegetarian, or all raw, or all fruit; but they simple, they are moderate, and, if taken in proper quantity, they will solve question of diet, so far as it is ever likely to be solved by erring man.

## One of Gov. Folk's Sturies.

HERE is one of the best stories Gov. Folk. of Missouri, tells:

"An editor was so bothered by visitors that he called his office best and said:

"'If anybody asks for me, just say that I am out."

"An hour later the boy entered the editor's private room. He was plained 'Whenever I tell a man that you're out he gets mad and says he knows

you're not,' complained the boy.
"'Well,' replied the editor, 'the next time anybody tells you that he down't believe I'm out, you just reply. "That's what they all say." "In a few minutes a woman entered the outer office and said she wanted to

" 'He's out,' said the hov "'I don't believe he is out,' answered the woman. 'I must see him.

'That's what they all say,' cried the boy triumphantly "The indignant wife waited to hear no more; she rushed into her he

ffice and told him what she thought of him. After that he always left his hi